guard its interests in the EEC and within the EEC it will help to promote the North-South dialogue; (iv) pending agreements on tourism and science and technology will be expedited; (v) Spanish Government will use its influence with Iberia so that its flights to India which were suspended in February this year will be resumed, (vi) the two sides will participate in the important Trade Fairs in the respective countries.

In Turkey, the following three agreements were signed during Prime Minister's visit:

(i) Maritime Agreement.

(ii) Mutual Judicial Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters.

(iii) Mutual Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters.

In addition, an agreement was signed between IRCON and the Turkish National Railways for a US Dollar 25 million railway electrification project. It was also agreed that: (i) a banking delegation led by the Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey will visit India in October/November; (ii) further negotiations for finalishing the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement will be held in Delhi in December 1988; and (iii) Turkish side will send an agricultural delegation to India in early spring 1989.

The visits have provided a fresh impetus to our growing relations with the respective countries and we look forward to a strengthening of our cooperation with them, both bilaterally and in international forums.

(d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Pakistan's Arms Trade with South Africa

1193 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 10th July, 1988, captioned "Pak arms trade with South Arrica in offing";

(b) if so, what is the Government's information about the arms trade links reportedly growing between Pakistan and South Africa; and

(c) whether any of the international arms dealers having dealings with India are also supplying arms or having trade dealings with South Africa; and whether Government have gone into the likelihood of passing of secret information regarding arms purchased or procured by India to South Africa through the dealers and then on the Pakistan; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Government have seen the press report but have no confirmed information regarding any arms deal between Pakistan and South Africa.

(c) Government have no means of securing such information.

Prime Minister's recent visit to Jordan

1194. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Jordan, Palestenian problem and Iran-Iraq war came up for discussions with Jordanian Government and the monarch of Jordan;

(b) if so, in what precise terms these issues were discused; and